brominated vegetable oils in these soft drinks;

(d) if so, since when the BVO was being used in these soft drinks and what are the reasons for not taking action earlier;

(e) whether some manufacturers of soft drinks claim that no BVO is being used in their soft drinks; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have not issued any ban order on consumption of some soft drinks. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had, however, issued a notification under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 on 15th April, 1988 deleting Brominated Vegetable Oil (BVO) from the list of permitted emulsifiers and stabilisers. Later on, on the basis of advice of experts, use of this chemical was extended upto 15-4-1990. Ministry of Food Processing Inuustries and Food Health Authorities of States/U.Ts. have been urged upon to ensure that all food products manufactured and marketed in the country after the stipulated date, are free from this chemical.

Some of the leading manufacturers of soft drinks have informed the Ministry of Food Processisng Industries that either they have stopped manufacturing these drinks or they have discontinued use of this chemical.

One Family, One Child Norm

2074. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote 'One family, one child' norm;

(b) if so, in what manner; and

(c) if not, how else Government propose to tackle the population problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to promote 'One family, one child' norm.

(c) To tackle the population problem, a well defined strategy has been evolved which lays emphasis on improving quality of health services, strengthening health infrastructure, enhancing child survival rates through Universal Immunisation Programme, intensifying population education, enhancing community participation, adopting improved communication approaches and involving voluntary organisations. Besides, schemes of reinforcement of training and retraining of personnel at the grass-root level, establishing and strengthening linkages with related development programmes like female literacy and improvement of women's status and adoption of area intensive approach are being implemented and will be further strengthened.

डेसू द्वारा उठाये गये घाटे

2075. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:
श्री शान्ति त्यागी:

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 मई, 1990 के "दि **हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में "डेसू लोस्ट 10 करोड़ इन थ्री** मंथ्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि यह आर्थिक हानि घटिया किस्म के बिजली उपकरण इस्तेमाल करने के कारण हुई है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके अन्य कारण क्या हैं; और

(घ) ऐसे घटिया किस्म के उपकरण खरीदने के क्या कारण थे; और क्या सरकार ने इन की खरीद के संबंध में कोई जांच कराई है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम० एस० गुरुपदस्वामी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) डेसू के अनुसार, फरवरी-अप्रैल, 1990 के दौरान विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों पर कुछ विद्युत/वितरण ट्रांसफार्मर क्षतिग्रस्त हो गये थे। उनकी खरीद-लागत करीब 2.00 करोड़ रुपये थी और ह्रासित मूल्य केवल 1.00 करोड़ रु० था। मरम्मत लागत 50.00 लाख रुपये से कम थी। ट्रांसफार्मरों एवं दूसरे सम्बद्ध उपकरण ओवर-लोडिंग एवं शॉर्ट-सर्किट आदि के कारण फेल हुए थे, न कि बिजली के घटिया उपस्करों के प्रयोग किये जाने के कारण।

(घ) डेसू के अनुसार, डेसू ट्रांसफार्मरों, स्विचगियरों एवं अन्य सम्बद्ध उपकरणों की खरीद आई० एस० एस०/अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मानक एवं निर्धारित विनिर्देशनों के अनुरूप उचित प्रक्रियाविधि का अनुसरण करते हुए करता है। इस प्रकार, इस मामले में किसी भी प्रकार की औपचारिक जांच किये जाने का विचार नहीं किया गया है।

Free passes to Indian Airlines and Air India employees

2076. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of Indian Airlines and Air India are issued free passes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, separately;

(c) whether these employees are also issued certain passes for air journeys after paying some nominal charges;

(d) whether these passes can be availed of by blood relations and others in case the employees do not avail of these passes; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the criteria for availing this facility by these employees after retirement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Under the Indian Airlines Employees' Service Regulations and the Air India Employees' passage Regulations, the employees of Indian Airlines and Air India respectively and their family members are entitled to a certain number of free/concessional passages when not on duty. These passages can be availed of subject to load and space availability in the aircraft after all the fare paying traffic is accommodated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The free/concessional passages can be availed of by the employee of India Airlines and Air India himself or can be transferred to the members of immediate family of the employee *viz* his/her spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, dependent relations or dependents in household.

Post-retirement passages are given to the retired employees under the Passage Regulations of the respective airline; the number of passages depending upon the length of service in the Corporation.

Vayudoot offices in the country

2077. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the flight being operated by Vayudoot as on the 15th May, 1990;

(b) whether Vayudoot has set up its offices all over the country;

(c) if so, what are their locations, State-wise, as on the 15th May, 1990;

(d) whether the flight schedules of Vayudoot are available with all its reservation offices in the country; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons there for and what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Vayudoot Limited is at present operating 271 flights per week from its six operational bases.

(b) and (c) Vayudoot Limited has full-fledged offices at Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad, Bombay, Delhi, Bhopal and Guwahati.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.